

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 867

Sweet Air Post Office and General Store

14117 Manor Road

Baldwin, Baltimore County

1864 ca.

Private

Constructed circa 1864, the Sweet Air Post Office and General Store was erected on land at the center of Sweet Air during an early stage of growth and development in the crossroads town at the intersection of what was then Old Manor Road and Old Joppa Road. The small property was purchased by Weakley from Lorenzo D. Patterson for \$200 in 1863. One year later, Weakley was listed as the postmaster of Sweet Air. Edward Weakley's appointment as the Sweet Air postmaster indicates that the village was beginning to take shape by the mid-1860s. The building appears to have also served as a general store, for Weakley was listed as the proprietor of a general store in an 1867 directory. Upon Edward A. Weakley's death in 1884, he was replaced as postmaster by John D. Weakley. The following year, John Weakley conveyed the property to Thomas F. Delcamp. Nevertheless, Weakley remained postmaster until 1886. Although the building continued to serve as a post office and general store through the late 19th century, it frequently changed ownership as the importance of Sweet Air as a crossroads post office began to decline. Its conversion into a private residence appears to have occurred at roughly this time, for the 1918 tax book listed, in addition to the two dwellings, a tenant house and blacksmith's supplies. The Sweet Air Post Office and General Store remains a single-family dwelling.

The Sweet Air Post Office and General Store is a two-and-a-half-story weatherboard-clad wood frame building with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The building fronts west on the southeast corner of the intersection of Manor Road and Sweet Air Road, and a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame wing projects from the south elevation of the four-bay-wide main block. An exterior stretcher bond brick chimney that is half-shouldered bisects the north elevation of the main block, while an interior chimney rises from the main block's south gable end. A boxed cornice that is molded with gable-end returns spans the façade and rear elevations. The façade features an offset sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with fluted pilasters and a molded pediment with broken scroll. This Colonial Revival style door surround dates to circa 1940. Six 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and sills also pierce the façade of the main block. One 6/6 window with a square-edged wood surround and sill is located on the façade of the wing. A small, one-bay-square entry porch with a gable roof supported by square wood posts projects from the south elevation of the wing. East of the general store and post office is located a circa 1880 two-story, three-bay-wide tenant house that was significantly altered in the 20th century. The wood frame building features board-and-batten siding, a random rubble stone foundation and a side gable roof.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Sweet Air Post Office and General Store (preferred)

other York Mayo House

2. Location

street and number 14117 Manor Road not for publication

city, town Baldwin vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Francis S. and Denise B. Kleczynski

street and number 14117 Manor Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baldwin state MD zip code 21013

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8974 folio 771

city, town Towson tax map 44 tax parcel 7 tax ID number 1013021610

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Sweet Air Post Office and General Store, constructed circa 1864, is a two-and-a-half-story weatherboard-clad wood frame building with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a solid random rubble stone foundation. The building fronts west on the southeast corner of the intersection of Manor Road and Sweet Air Road, and a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame wing projects from the south elevation of the four-bay-wide main block. An exterior stretcher bond brick chimney that is half-shouldered bisects the north elevation of the main block, while an interior chimney rises from the main block's south gable end. A boxed cornice that is molded with gable-end returns spans the façade and rear elevations. The façade features an offset sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with fluted pilasters and a molded pediment with broken scroll. This Colonial Revival style door surround dates to circa 1940. Six 6/6 windows with square-edged wood surrounds and sills also pierce the façade of the main block. One 6/6 window with a square-edged wood surround and sill is located on the façade of the wing. A small, one-bay-square entry porch with a gable roof supported by square wood posts projects from the south elevation of the wing.

East of the general store and post office is located a circa 1880 two-story, three-bay-wide tenant house that was significantly altered in the 20th century and its use was partially converted to a garage. The wood frame building, which is clad in board-and-batten siding and sits on a random rubble stone foundation, features a gable roof clad in standing seam metal. Full-width one-story additions span the east and west elevations of the structure. The façade presently fronts west and features one sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and three 4/4 windows, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. A one-bay-square cupola with ventilators rises from the north gable end of the roof ridge.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1864 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1864 ca., 1940 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Constructed circa 1864, the Sweet Air Post Office and General Store was erected on land at the center of Sweet Air during an early stage of growth and development in the crossroads town at the intersection of what was then Old Manor Road and Old Joppa Road. The small property was purchased by Weakley from Lorenzo D. Patterson for \$200 in 1863. One year later, Weakley was listed as the postmaster of Sweet Air.¹ The community of Sweet Air had not developed by 1850. At that time, only a general store and residence were sited at the intersection.² Edward Weakley's appointment as the Sweet Air postmaster indicates that the village was beginning to take shape by the mid-1860s. The building appears to have also served as a general store, for Weakley was listed as the proprietor of a general store in an 1867 directory. In that year, Weakley deeded the property to his wife, but remained in control of the general store and post office.³ The 1877 county atlas indicates that the first general store, which was located on the northwest corner of the intersection opposite from Weakley's property, was supplanted by a parsonage. Additionally, several more dwellings had been constructed at or near the crossroads, indicating significant growth in the community between 1855 and 1877.⁴ Upon Edward A. Weakley's death in 1884, he was replaced as postmaster by John D. Weakley. The following year, John Weakley conveyed the property to Thomas F. Delcamp. Nevertheless, Weakley remained postmaster until 1886.⁵

Although the building continued to serve as a post office and general store through the late 19th century, it frequently changed ownership as the importance of Sweet Air as a crossroads post office began to decline. Upon Delcamp's death in the early 20th century, the property was returned by his heirs to the Weakley family. In 1908, Charles E. Weakley purchased the property. Three years later, Henry Green purchased the property from Weakley.⁶ The 1915 county atlas does not list the occupant of the building.⁷ It's conversion into a private

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁴ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁵ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁶ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁷ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

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residence appears to have occurred at roughly this time, for his 1918 tax account listed, in addition to the two dwellings, a tenant house and blacksmith's supplies. In 1928, S. Weakley Pocock purchased the property, conveying it forty years later to Franklin Y. Mayo.⁸ The Sweet Air Post Office and General Store remains a single-family dwelling.

⁸ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .3 Acre
Acreage of historical setting .5 Acre
Quadrangle name Phoenix

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1864, the Sweet Air Post Office and General Store has been associated with the .366 acres of land known as tax parcel 7 of map 44 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

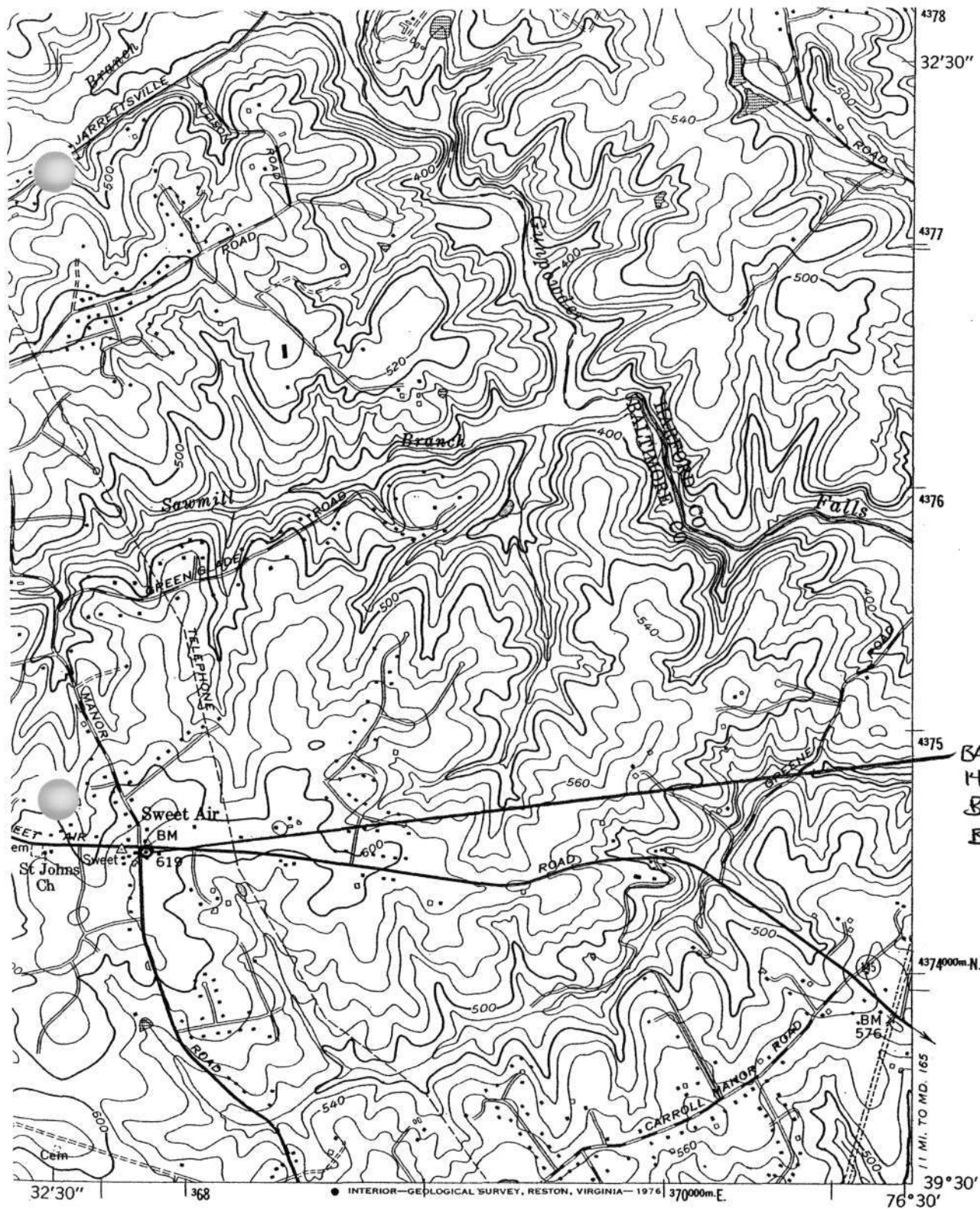
11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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BA- 867
1417 MANOR ROAD
BALDWIN
BALTIMORE COUNTY

(WHITE MARSH)
5762 IV NW

MILE

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————
Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt —————

○ State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

PHOENIX, MD.

N3930-W7630/7.5

1957
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5663 II SE-SERIES V833



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SW CORNER

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MD SHOP

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OUTBUILDING

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YORK-MAYO HOUSE (SITE) - 1863-1876 - 14117 Manor Road, SE of intersection with Sweet Air Road. Missing from maps of 1850 and 1857, this $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre lot at what was called Old Joppa Road and Old Manor Road was sold for only \$200.00 in 1863 to Edward A. Weakley by Lorenzo D. Patterson. A directory of 1867 showed Weakley as a general storekeeper and he was charged with a store house and lot (\$900.00) plus stock in trade in the 1876 tax ledger. The house first appears in the atlas of 1877 as Weakley's, although he had deeded it to his wife, nine years before. Edward A. Weakley was also the postmaster of Sweet Air from 1864 until his death early in 1884, when he was succeeded by John D. Weakley. John sold the property at Sweet Air to Thomas F. Delcamp in 1885 but continued as postmaster until the spring of 1886. Delcamp's heirs sold to Charles E. Weakley in 1908, and Weakley to Henry Green in 1911. The 1918 tax book showed Green with a house 18 x 32' and 16 x 18'; also a tenant house, and "other buildings", and "blacksmith supplies". S. Wesley Pocock acquired the house in 1928 and Franklin Y. Mayo in 1968. Vernacular style frame house covered with caramel-colored aluminum siding. Gable roof; black shutters. Owners: Robert E. and Marie V. Duckett. (Former) By 1989 was extinct.